



FIREFIGHTER

The City of New Braunfels is accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter** for the Fire Department. **This position will close Friday, August 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm.** Apply at the reception area of the Municipal Building 424 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX. Applications also available on the City website at www.nbtexas.org.

GENERAL PURPOSE: Under close supervision, performs fire fighting, rescue, and emergency medical duties as required to protect lives and property; and maintains Fire Department equipment, tools, facilities, and vehicles. The City of New Braunfels Fire Department operates under Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following duties ARE NOT intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

- Operates, maintains, and inspects Fire Department vehicles, equipment, apparatus, tools, supplies and hydrants; inspects and maintains facilities and grounds; inspects, tests, evaluates and repairs equipment after use; notifies supervisors of repair issues/problems beyond the scope of authority or skills.
- Inspects and maintains personal protective equipment and assures that all firefighting equipment is in a state of readiness and available for immediate use.
- Responds to emergency alarms and calls and performs fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical duties as required to control emergency incident; relays orders, instructions and information on emergency actions, and follows orders in stressful conditions with immediate response and action.
- Operates emergency, fire, rescue, medical and life saving tools and equipment; assists and coordinates with law enforcement personnel and other responders as required; ventilates and enters burning structures to extinguish fires and rescue victims.
- Mitigates hazards, emergency situations and hazardous materials incidents; performs salvage and clean-up activities at fire and emergency scenes.
- Performs station maintenance; maintains station living quarters in clean and orderly condition; operates, inspects and maintains ambulance and other fire equipment; performs minor repairs on apparatus and equipment inside and outside of facilities.
- Learn current geography and physical layout of the City, traffic patterns, streets, landmarks and building locations, and special hazards of designated facilities, to assure that firefighting activities are accomplished in a fast, effective and safe manner.
- Assists in the preparation and maintenance of required documentation and records.
- Assists with inspection of buildings for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances; may assist with fire investigations.
- Conducts public education sessions for a wide variety of audiences; participates in fire prevention, pre-fire planning and safety programs; assists with training of citizens and volunteer staff as assigned.
- Attends training programs to continuously update work skills and knowledge.
- Performs other duties as assigned or required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**Education and Experience:**

High school diploma or GED equivalent; must be eighteen (18) years of age.

Required Licenses or Certifications:

- Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License; acquire a Texas Class B Driver's License within six (6) months of hire date.
- Certifications for Firefighter from Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) and Emergency Medical Technician-Basic from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are required.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a Paramedic certification from Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) who successfully pass the written examination and physical ability test.

Required Knowledge of:

- Fire Department and City policies, rules, guidelines, and procedures.
- Principles and practices of modern fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical care.
- Procedures and equipment used in modern fire fighting and emergency medical response.
- Operational characteristics of fire suppression apparatus and equipment.
- Methods and techniques of handling hazardous materials.
- City geography, traffic patterns, and the location of all streets, landmarks and buildings.
- Pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations governing fire safety.

Required Skill in:

- Providing firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical services under emergency conditions.
- Observing and following safe fire fighting practices.
- Following orders under stressful conditions.
- Recognizing the construction, contents and occupancy of buildings in order to apply appropriate standard firefighting techniques.
- Assessing emergency medical needs, stabilizing patient, and providing emergency medical care.
- Operating and maintaining fire suppression apparatus, tools and equipment.
- Maintaining physical condition required for the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities.
- Establishing and maintaining cooperative and effective working relationships with City employees, State and Federal agencies, and the general public.
- Performing maintenance and repair of firefighting vehicles, facilities, equipment, tools, and hydrants.
- Operating and maintaining computer and communications equipment.
- Effective, clear and concise communication, both verbally and in writing.

Physical Demands / Work Environment:

- Work is performed outdoors and indoors with exposure to extreme weather conditions and temperature fluctuations with ability to rapidly adapt to changes.
- Requires constant and strenuous physical efforts including safely standing, kneeling, bending, crawling, and reaching for extended periods of time; ability to safely lift, carry, and move items weighing a minimum of one hundred (100) pounds and safely drag items weighing a minimum of one hundred seventy-five (175) pounds.
- Will be exposed to environmental allergens, gases, fumes, hazardous chemicals/materials, communicable diseases and potential physical harm; varying noise levels; dark and confined spaces.

- Must be able to work irregular hours in uniform or wearing full protective gear and self-contained breathing apparatus including weekends, holidays and evenings on any assigned shift.
- Must maintain a level of physical and mental fitness to meet standards.

Salary and Benefits

Starting annual base pay is \$41,877.00 a year. Benefits include Texas Municipal Retirement System; paid vacation and sick accrual; medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. EOE